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And there came a day, a day unlike any other, when Earth's Mightiest Heroes found themselves united against a common threat! On that day, the Avengers were born, to fight the foes no single super hero could withstand!

THE NEW AVENGERS

The Avengers are on the run! Until they can be sure who's on their side, Spider-Man, Captain America, Luke Cage, Ronin, Mockingbird, Spider-Woman and Ms. Marvel are using Captain America's hideout in Brooklyn as a safe house. Collectively they try to keep the values of the Avengers name alive even though they're living on the wrong side of the law.

Norman Osborn is the new political and media darling and director of H.A.M.M.E.R., the national peacekeeping taskforce, which includes his own team of Avengers.

The Hood has been running a syndicate of powerful criminals but has disappeared since losing his powers. Loki, the god of mischief, has offered The Hood a way to reclaim his power: The Asgardian Norn Stones.

But certain members of the Hood's syndicate, led by Doctor Jonas Harrow, have decided to strike out on their own with top secret technology that can siphon away super powers. As a show of good will they turn over the tech to Osborn but not before the New Avengers escape, desperate to help their ailing teammate Luke Cage.

With one last gasp of selflessness, Cage gives himself up to Osborn's custody and medical facilities, allowing his teammates the chance to escape. With the help of all of Luke's old friends, the New Avengers are able to break Cage out of Osborn's clutches.

Furious at Cage's escape, Osborn still has one more trick up his sleeve…

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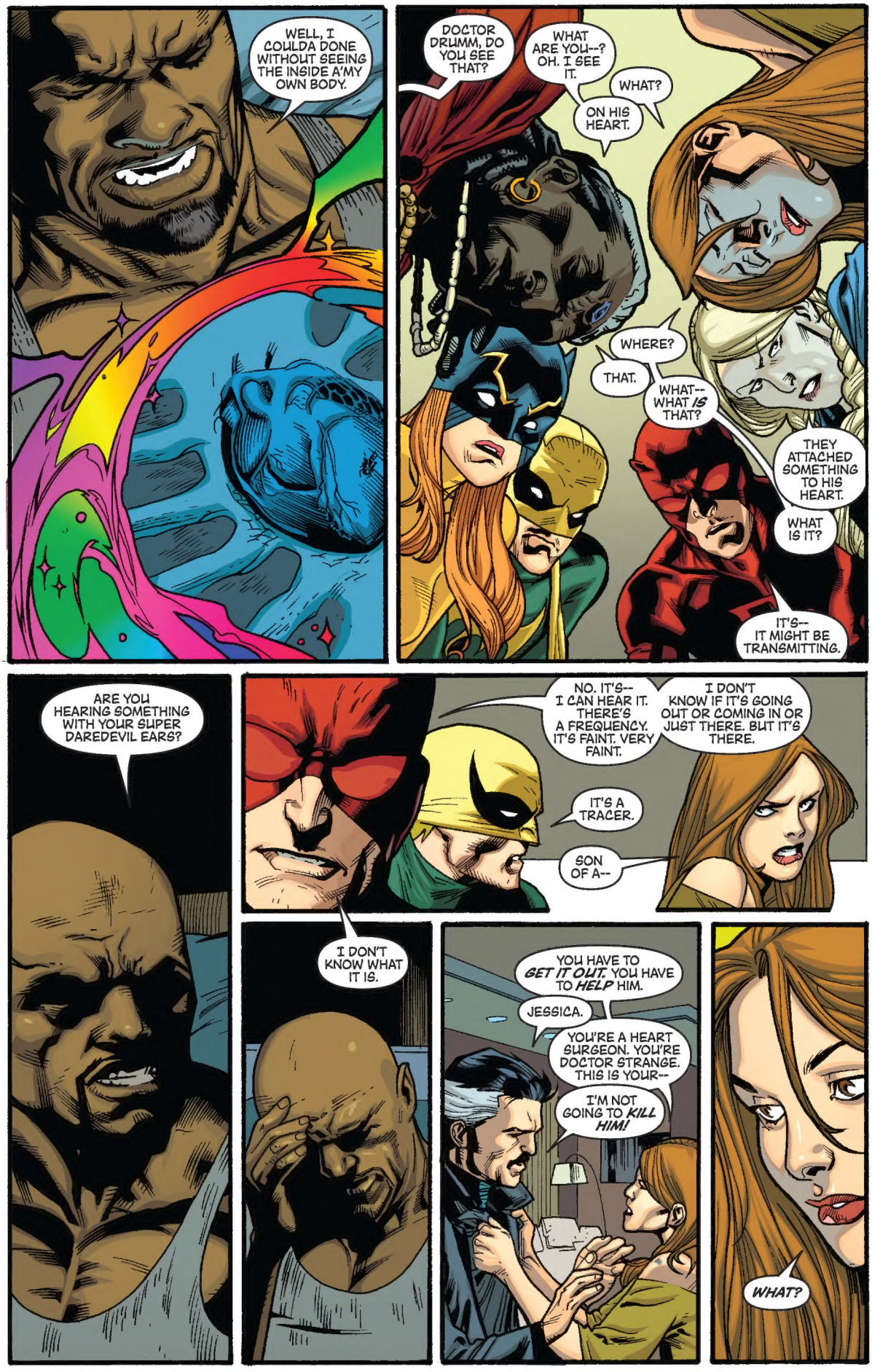
A'IGHT, WHERE'S MY BABY?
LUKE, LIE DOWN.
I'M OKAY, JESSICA.
YOU'RE *NOT* OKAY. YOU JUST HAD A HEART ATTACK *AND* HEART SURGERY.
I'M HEALIN' FAST. I ƎNN∃ I WANT TO SEE MY BABY.
BABY'S WITH MY MOM. BABY'S SAFE.
WITH YOUR *MOM*?
SHE'S SAFE.
SHE'S SAFE WITH *HER* TILL THAT BABY LEARNS TO SPEAK ENGLISH.
THEN THAT BABY'S GONNA GET AN EARFUL OF PASSIVE AGGRESSIVE.
LIE BACK DOWN.
AW, LOOK AT YOU ALL JUST STANDING HERE STARIN' AT ME.
THIS IS NICE.
LUKE, STAY STILL. WE'RE NOT DONE YET.
WHAT NOW, DOC?
OSBORN'S A VERY MANIPULATIVE MAN. I WANT TO MAKE SURE YOUR SURGERY WAS ON THE UP AND UP.
DAMN. YA THINK?
GIVE ME JUST A SECOND.
WHAT ARE YOU DOING?


WELL, I COULDA DONE WITHOUT SEEING THE INSIDE A'MY OWN BODY.
DOCTOR DRUMM, DO YOU SEE THAT?
WHAT ARE YOU--? OH. I SEE IT.
WHAT?
ON HIS HEART.
WHERE?
THAT.
WHAT-- WHAT IS THAT?
THEY ATTACHED SOMETHING TO HIS HEART.
WHAT IS IT?
IT'S-- IT MIGHT BE TRANSMITTING.
ARE YOU HEARING SOMETHING WITH YOUR SUPER DAREDEVIL EARS?
NO. IT'S-- I CAN HEAR IT. THERE'S A FREQUENCY. IT'S FAINT. VERY FAINT.
I DON'T KNOW IF IT'S GOING OUT OR COMING IN OR JUST THERE. BUT IT'S THERE.
IT'S A TRACER.
SON OF A--
I DON'T KNOW WHAT IT IS.
YOU HAVE TO GET IT OUT. YOU HAVE TO HELP HIM.
JESSICA.
YOU'RE A HEART SURGEON. YOU'RE DOCTOR STRANGE. THIS IS YOUR--
I'M NOT GOING TO KILL HIM!
WHAT?

WE DON'T KNOW--WE DON'T KNOW WHAT THAT THING IS BUT WE WEREN'T MEANT TO SEE IT.
IT'S NOT THERE FOR FUN. IT'S THERE TO HURT HIM.
IT'S THERE TO HURT ALL OF US.
WE KNEW SOMETHING LIKE THIS COULD HAPPEN.
WE DID?
NOT LIKE THIS.
WE THOUGHT OSBORN MIGHT PURPOSELY BOTCH THE SURGERY OR POISON HIS BLOOD.
WHAT DO WE THINK THIS IS?
IT COULD BE A TINY CASE FOR A CHEMICAL AGENT OR A DEADLY ELECTRICAL CHARGE.
OR A TRACER.
IT COULD JUST BE A TRACER.
WE CAN'T TAKE THE CHANCE.
I AM OPEN TO SUGGESTIONS.
OH, BABY...
I KNOW WHO WE HAVE TO CALL.

OSBORN, YO!
WAIT UP.
WHERE'S HE GOING?
HE JUST GOT HARD SPANKED BY CAPTAIN AMERICA AND THE GANG. HE NEEDS GO TO BLOW OFF SOME STEAM.
IT'S NOT EVEN THE REAL CAPTAIN AMERICA.
YOU'RE NOT THE REAL HAWKEYE.
EXCUSE ME?
NOTHING.
THAT'S WHAT I THOUGHT.
LOCATION, 7000 FEET OVER DULUTH, MINNESOTA. AIR TRAFFIC CLEAR.
ARMOR! ONLY TELL ME IF I ASK.
INCOMING TRANSMISSION.
I JUST TOLD YOU ONLY WHEN I--
SECURE LINE CODENAME PITZANO.
SECURE LINE? PUT IT THROUGH.
OSBORN.
WHERE'VE YOU BEEN, PARKER?
WE HAD A DEAL.
IS THAT RIGHT?

I REMEMBER A DEAL WHERE YOU'RE THE HOOD AND YOU KEEP YOUR MEN IN LINE.

IS *THAT* WHAT HAPPENED?

BECAUSE TO ME IT SEEMED THAT YOU WERE *NOT* ABLE TO KEEP THEM IN LINE AND I'VE SPENT THE LAST COUPLE OF DAYS DOING IT *FOR* YOU.

I WAS DEALING WITH...PERSONAL ISSUES.

DOCTOR HARROW SAID YOU LOST YOUR POWER.

I'M OKAY NOW.

THE BIG BOY TABLE IS FOR BIG BOYS, PARKER. YOU KNOW THAT.

I'M GOOD. LOKI HELPED ME.

LOKI?

WHY WOULD LOKI HELP YOU GET YOUR POWERS BACK?

YOU'LL HAVE TO ASK HER/HIM.

BUT I'M BACK AND I'M BETTER THAN EVER.

DOCTOR JONAS HARROW *SURRENDERED* YOUR ENTIRE TEAM TO ME, IN PUBLIC, IN RETURN FOR WHAT THEY THINK YOU AND I HAD.

DID YOU MAKE A DEAL WITH HARROW?

I MADE A DEAL WITH YOU.

AND HARROW.

WELL...

WHAT ARE WE GOING TO DO ABOUT THAT?

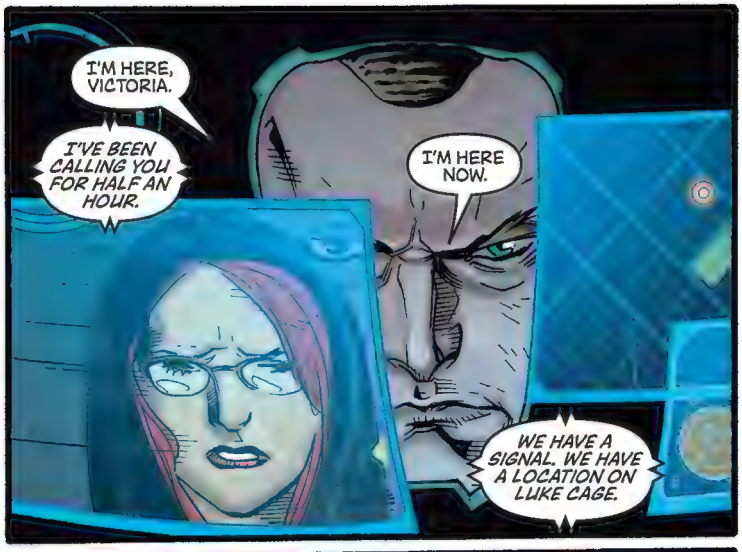
DOCTOR HENRY PYM, A.K.A. THE WASP, AT YOUR SERVICE.
FORGOT TO TURN THIS THING ON...
DOCTOR HENRY PYM, A.K.A. THE WASP, AT YOUR SERVICE.
@#$%! WHAT WAS THAT?!
DOCTOR PYM.
WHOSE HOUSE IS THIS?
YOU GOT MY MESSAGE.
I'M HERE.
WE NEED YOUR HELP, DOCTOR.
YOU SURE YOU'RE UP TO THIS?
WHY *WOULDN'T* I BE?
I HEARD YOU'RE NOT THE SORCERER SUPREME ANYMORE.
TRUE, BUT--
I AM. DOCTOR VOODOO.
HEY, THAT'S GREAT. SO ARE *YOU* COMING IN WITH ME OR--?
HE'S THE HEART SURGEON.
AND I'M NOT WITHOUT MY ABILITIES.
OKAY, LET'S DO IT.
WE'RE NOT THE ONLY ONES HERE.

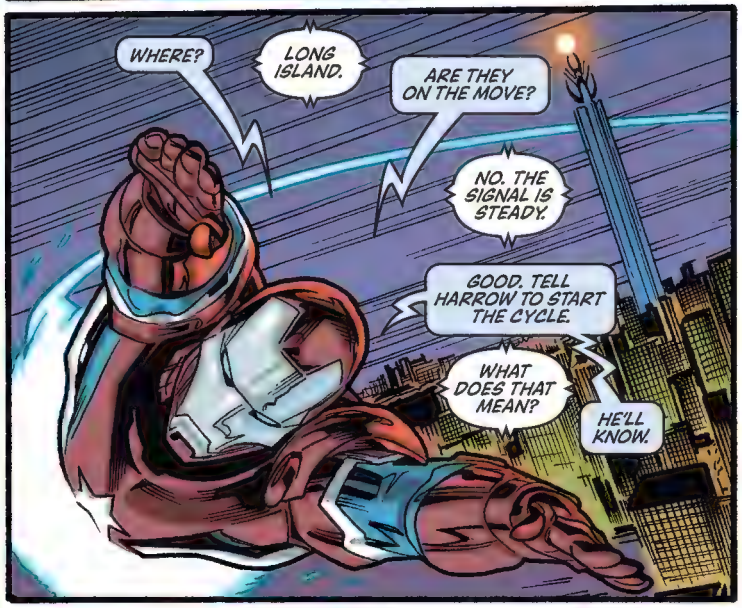
HEY, GUYS.
YOU GUYS GOT BACK FAST.
I DO LOVE THAT SUPER SOUPED-UP S.H.I.E.L.D. QUINJET WE STOLE. I WANT TO MARRY IT.
WELL, IF WE MADE IT BACK FROM CAMP H.A.M.M.E.R., WE HAVE TO IMAGINE OSBORN'S NOT FAR BEHIND. LET'S GET OUT OF HERE.
NOT YET.
WHAT'S GOING ON?
IS HE OKAY? LUKE, YOU OKAY?
I'M READY TO KILL SOMEBODY.
YOU READY, DOCTOR?
I AM.
OKAY. THIS GETS A LITTLE WEIRD.
I LEAVE MY MORTAL BODY AND TRAVEL THE ASTRAL PLANE. I CAN HANDLE IT.
WELL, THAT'S TRUE. BUT STILL-- YOU MIGHT WANT TO CLOSE YOUR EYES FOR THIS PART.
READY?
READY.
OPEN 'EM.

AND THANKS TO THE SCIENTIFIC FANTASTICNESS OF MY PYM PARTICLES AND SERUMS, YOU ARE NOW *TINY* DOCTOR STRANGE.
THAT *IS* DISCONCERTING.
TOLD YOU.
LET'S ROCK AND ROLL.
I AM HAVING A MESSED UP NIGHT.
I WILL USE A SERIES OF SPELLS TO KEEP US PROTECTED FROM LUKE'S BIOLOGICAL DEFENSES.
GREAT. BUT CAREFUL NOT TO DO ANY INTERNAL DAMAGE TO THE MAN.
PLEASE. OF COURSE.
FOLLOW ME.
LUKE!
DEEP INHALE!

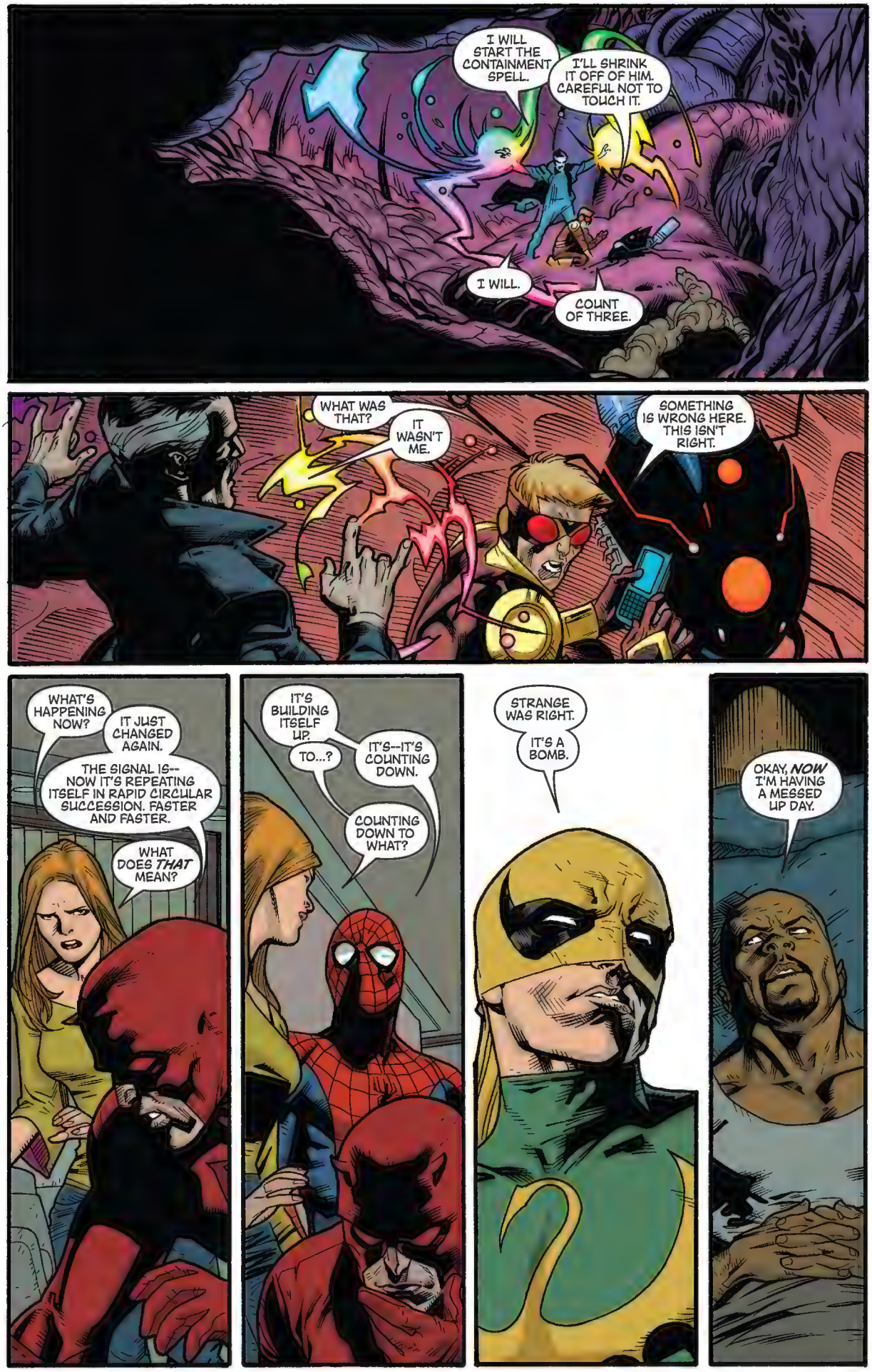
WEIRD.
YOU HAVE TWO MEN INSIDE YOU.
DON'T SAY THAT AGAIN.
ARE YOU OKAY, DOCTOR?
I'M HANGING IN THERE. LET'S JUST GET THIS DONE.
IT'S FASCINATING, THOUGH, RIGHT? YEARS AND YEARS OF BIOLOGY STUDY, AND HERE YOU ARE.
RIGHT THERE.
IT IS SENDING A SIGNAL. OSBORN COULD BE HERE ALREADY.
THEN WE HAVE TO MOVE FAST.
QUIET!
WHAT?
THE SIGNAL JUST... CHANGED.

OSBORN! THIS IS VICTORIA HAND. PLEASE COME IN.


I'M HERE, VICTORIA.
I'VE BEEN CALLING YOU FOR HALF AN HOUR.
I'M HERE NOW.
WE HAVE A SIGNAL. WE HAVE A LOCATION ON LUKE CAGE.


WHERE?
LONG ISLAND.
ARE THEY ON THE MOVE?
NO. THE SIGNAL IS STEADY.
GOOD. TELL HARROW TO START THE CYCLE.
WHAT DOES THAT MEAN?
HE'LL KNOW.

PATCH IT IN.
AVENGERS! FOLLOW ME.
HE DIDN'T SAY ASSEMBLE.
YOU CARE?
I THINK I KINDA DO. HUH.


I WILL START THE CONTAINMENT SPELL.
I'LL SHRINK IT OFF OF HIM. CAREFUL NOT TO TOUCH IT.
I WILL.
COUNT OF THREE.
WHAT WAS THAT?
IT WASN'T ME.
SOMETHING IS WRONG HERE. THIS ISN'T RIGHT.
WHAT'S HAPPENING NOW?
IT JUST CHANGED AGAIN.
THE SIGNAL IS-- NOW IT'S REPEATING ITSELF IN RAPID CIRCULAR SUCCESSION. FASTER AND FASTER.
WHAT DOES *THAT* MEAN?
IT'S BUILDING ITSELF UP.
TO...?
IT'S--IT'S COUNTING DOWN.
COUNTING DOWN TO WHAT?
STRANGE WAS RIGHT.
IT'S A BOMB.
OKAY, *NOW* I'M HAVING A MESSED UP DAY.

I KNOW WHO MADE THIS. THIS ISN'T GOOD.

FOCUS.

OH NO.

JESSICA, LISTEN TO ME...

LISTEN TO HER.

IS THAT IT? I'LL GO AND--

NO.

NO?

CAREFUL.

VICTORIA. VICTORIA!

COME IN! LISTEN TO ME. STOP THE SEQUENCE. STOP THE CYCLE.

THE WHAT?

TELL HARROW. SHUT IT DOWN!

SHUT IT DOWN!

SHUT WHAT DOWN?!

BOB! GO!

WHAT'S GOING TO HAPPEN?

GO!

OSBORN!

THIS IS HARROW. IT DOESN'T TURN OFF. IT DOESN'T SHUT--

SON OF A--

I DIDN'T DO THAT. DID I DO THAT?!
RRRRR!

HURAGH!
WHOA.
WHOSE HOUSE WAS THAT?

MINE.

AVENGERS HIDEOUT.

NOW THAT, LADIES AND GENTLEMEN, IS AN ASS *KICKING!*

WE DIDN'T KILL ANYBODY, DID WE?

HOW DO YOU KNOW SO MUCH ABOUT NORMAN OSBORN'S PERSONAL LIFE?

NO. NO, OF COURSE NOT. THAT'S NORMAN'S BIG FANCY SUMMER HOME. OR WAS.

HEY, I'M NOT JUST A PRETTY MASK.

I'M OKAY, I'M OKAY.

YOU'RE SO NOT.

AGH... I WILL BE.

LUKE, SOMEONE HAS BEEN ASKING FOR YOU.

THANK GOD.

EVERYBODY, LET'S ALL LEAVE THE CAGE FAMILY TO THEIR MOMENT.

HEY, HOLD ON...

ALL Y'ALL. I'LL NEVER FORGET THIS. I'LL NEVER BE ABLE TO REPAY...

LUKE, YOU *ALREADY* EARNED THIS. THIS IS BECAUSE OF WHO YOU ARE.

BUT WHAT YOU *HAVEN'T* EARNED IS HER.

THIS BABY. YOU OWE THIS BABY A LIFE. A SAFE, NORMAL LIFE.

THAT IS SO NOT FAIR, MOM.

NO.

NO... HEY...

SHE AIN'T WRONG.

H.A.M.M.E.R. HELICARRIER.
SO WE'RE CLEAR, WE WORK FOR NORMAN OSBORN NOW.
WE ALWAYS DID.
EXACTLY. NOW IT'S ON OUR TERMS.
AND HOW DO WE KNOW HE'S NOT GOING TO @#$% US OVER?
WE SHOULD ASSUME HE WILL AND BE PLEASANTLY SURPRISED IF HE DOESN'T.
EXACTLY.
AND IT'S ONLY IN YOUR PERCEPTION THAT THIS IS ANY DIFFERENT THAN THE WAY THINGS HAVE BEEN.
THIS IS THE WAY IT'S BEEN ALL YEAR.
SO WHAT ARE WE WAITING FOR? WE BEEN WAITING IN HERE TOO LONG.
OH, UH, WHAT ARE YOU ALL DOING HERE?
THEY TOLD US WE WERE WAITING FOR YOU, HARROW.
THEY TOLD ME I WAS HERE TO MEET WITH OSBORN.
WELL, THAT'S WEIRD, THEN.
MAYBE... MAYBE HE'S, UM, MAYBE HE'S JOINING ALL OF US.
YEAH, MAYBE...

SKABLAMM
YOU IDIOTS!
YOU DAMN LOSER IDIOTS.
YOU TURN YOUR BACK ON ME?! ME?!
AFTER ALL I'VE DONE FOR YOU. YOU'D BE ROTTING IN JAIL OR DEAD OR BOTH IF NOT FOR ME.
I TOLD YOU...THERE WAS A BIG PAYOFF AT THE END OF THIS. AND YOU RUINED IT!
YOU'RE FULL OF @#$%!
YOU HAD US WORKING FOR HIM WITHOUT TELLING US!
NO.
HE WANTED YOU UNDER HIS THUMB AND I TOLD HIM NO DEAL. I SAID MY GUYS RUN FREE.
THIS IS TRUE.
AND IN RETURN FOR THAT WE DO A LITTLE SOMETHING FOR HIM HERE AND THERE.
THAT'S COMPLETELY DIFFERENT THAN WORKING FOR HIM. ASS.
BUT NOW YOU GUYS WENT AND GOT YOURSELVES SIGNED UP TO NORMAN OSBORN'S INITIATIVE.
WE THOUGHT...YOU WERE GONE.
AND THIS THOUGHT PROCESS OF YOURS... HOW'S THAT BEEN WORKING OUT FOR YOU?
"YOU THOUGHT."
WELL, GUESS WHAT?

NOW YOU HAVE TO WORK FOR NORMAN OSBORN.
NOW YOU DO WHAT HE SAYS.
NO.
NO, WE GET IT. WE SCREWED UP.
WE CAN GO BACK TO THE WAY IT WAS.
TOO LATE, KIDDO. YOU CHALLENGED ME IN PUBLIC.
THAT WAS HIM.
YOU'RE YOUR OWN MAN. BUT DON'T WORRY.
I DON'T WANT DISGRUNTLED EMPLOYEES.
I HAVE A JOB FOR YOU YOU'LL ALL LOVE.
ONE YOU CAME VERY CLOSE TO PULLING OFF ALL BY YOURSELVES JUST LAST NIGHT.
YOU HUNT AND KILL CAPTAIN AMERICA...
AND LUKE CAGE...
AND MS. MARVEL...
AND IRON FIST...
AND CLINT BARTON...
AND MOCKING-BIRD...
AND DAREDEVIL...
AND SPIDER-WOMAN...
AND DOCTOR STRANGE...
AND THIS DOCTOR VOODOO AND ALL THE OTHERS.

YOU ARE MY NEW STORM TROOPERS. MY NEW BLACK GUARD.
YOU HUNT THEM AND YOU KILL THEM. I DON'T CARE HOW.
YOU BRING ME THEIR HEADS.
AND YOU'RE OFF THE HOOK WITH ME. WE'RE SQUARE. ALL SINS FORGIVEN.
NO SPIDER-MAN?
OH! OH, NO.
SPIDER-MAN TOO.
BUT I WANT HIM ALIVE.
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